

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	68979	Agenda Number	39.
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Meeting Date:	4/13/2017	Department:	Parks and Recreation
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Subject

Conduct a public hearing and approve an ordinance granting a site-specific amendment to City Code Section 25-8-514 and granting variances to City Code Section 25-8-261 to allow development of the Barton Creek Trailhead Restroom in Zilker Park. This action requires a site-specific amendment to the Save Our Springs Initiative and concerns property in the Barton Springs Zone (District 8).

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	January 18, 2017 — Approved by the Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Kazi absent. February 01, 2017 – Approved by the Environmental Commission on an 8-0 vote with Commissioners Perales and Thompson absent. Recommendation Number 20170201-008e. February 14, 2017 – Approved by the Planning Commission on a 10-0 vote with Commission Chair Oliver and Commissioners Zaragoza and Shieh absent.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

In order to serve the hundreds of thousands of visitors to Zilker Park, the Parks and Recreation Department wishes to construct a restroom facility to serve the Barton Creek / Violet Crown Trail. The proposed site is adjacent to the Zilker Hillside Theater, which the restroom would also serve. The project was designed so that it will result in a net reduction in impervious cover and will also add water quality enhancements and innovative stormwater management.

Summary of proposed amendments and variances:

1. Allow the site to exceed the impervious cover limit of 15 percent but require the restroom project to result in a net decrease of at least 590 square feet of impervious cover in the Barton Springs Zone.
2. Exempt the project from water quality treatment requirements, but require water quality enhancements and innovative stormwater management practices.
3. Allow construction of the restroom structure, utility lines, landscaping, and demolition and reconstruction of an existing parking lot within the Critical Water Quality Zone.

Project design was presented to and approved by the following boards and commissions:

October 27, 2015: Parks and Recreation Board

November 30, 2015: Certificate of Appropriateness Committee of the Historic Landmark Commission

December 14, 2015: Historic Landmark Commission

March 15, 2016: Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee

March 22, 2016: Planning Commission

August 22, 2016: Design Commission

Public hearing was advertised in the Austin American Statesman on March 27, 2017.